

Sea & Sage Audubon UCI Freshwater Preserve Census Report for June 2012

Census Date: 7/4/12 **Census Time:** 7:15 - 10:00 am **Weather:** overcast, cool with intermittent drizzle
Birders who took part in the census were: Bonny Ahern, Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, Sharon Harrow, Terry Hill, Nancy Kenyon, Jim Stacy, and Darrell Wilson.

Comments: It was completely overcast this morning with no sun and intermittent drizzle which spotted our glasses. The cloudy conditions undoubtedly put a damper on bird vocalizations. Usually, during the first hour of our count, we hear a lot of birds singing, but this morning it was pretty quiet except for the crickets chirping and the skimmers and terns passing overhead. The Black Skimmers and a variety of terns were flying back and forth between Upper Newport Bay and the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, calling raucously, and returning with fish of varying sizes in their bills. We theorized that the birds found it easier to spot fish in the shallower waters of the SJWS than at UNB and that they were feeding young at UNB.

GEESE & DUCKS	
8	Gadwall
14	Mallard
1	Blue-winged Teal
7	Cinnamon Teal
2	Northern Shoveler
16	Ruddy Duck
QUAIL	
16	California Quail
GREBES	
14	Pied-billed Grebe
CORMORANTS & PELICANS	
4	Brown Pelican
7	Double-crested Cormorant
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS	
3	Great Blue Heron
3	Great Egret
4	Snowy Egret
5	Green Heron
8	Black-crowned Night-Heron
5	White-faced Ibis
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY	
1	Osprey
1	White-tailed Kite
1	Cooper's Hawk
2	Red-shouldered Hawk
1	Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	
1	Virginia Rail
2	Common Gallinule
10	American Coot
PLOVERS	
10	Killdeer
STILTS & AVOCETS	
10	Black-necked Stilt
4	American Avocet
SANDPIPERS	
4	Western Sandpiper
PHALAROPES	
2	Wilson's Phalarope
GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS	
1	Gull sp.

4	Caspian Tern
3	Elegant Tern
12	Forster's Tern
6	Least Tern
15	Black Skimmer
PIGEONS & DOVES	
41	Mourning Dove
ROADRUNNERS	
1	Greater Roadrunner
HUMMINGBIRDS	
3	Anna's Hummingbird
17	Allen's Hummingbird
7	Hummingbird sp.
WOODPECKERS	
7	Nuttall's Woodpecker
FLYCATCHERS	
7	Black Phoebe
1	Ash-throated Flycatcher
5	Cassin's Kingbird
SHRIKES	
2	Loggerhead Shrike
CROWS & RAVENS	
14	American Crow
SWALLOWS	
12	N. Rough-winged Swallow
6	Tree Swallow
4	Barn Swallow
47	Cliff Swallow
BUSHTITS, WRENS, WRENTIT	
119	Bushtit
2	Bewick's Wren
2	House Wren
7	Marsh Wren
2	Wrentit
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS	
7	California Gnatcatcher
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	
8	Northern Mockingbird
STARLINGS	
1	European Starling
WARBLERS	
2	Orange-crowned Warbler

68	Common Yellowthroat
1	Yellow Warbler
2	Yellow-breasted Chat
TOWHEES, SPARROWS	
4	Spotted Towhee
14	California Towhee
112	Song Sparrow
BLACKBIRDS	
25	Red-winged Blackbird
13	Great-tailed Grackle
2	Brown-headed Cowbird
2	Hooded Oriole
FINCHES	
86	House Finch
47	Lesser Goldfinch
EXOTIC SPECIES	
2	Nutmeg Mannikin